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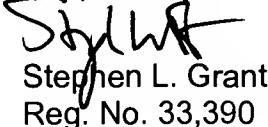
German application 100 60 443.9, upon which this application claims priority.

References AA, AG through AS, AU through AW, BA through BF, BH through BO and BQ through BV are cited in the German search report. To the extent possible, the undersigned has sought out English language equivalents for foreign documents which are not in English. As to that end, the undersigned attorney reports that Reference AB is an English language family member of Reference BV, Reference AC is an English language family member of Reference BO, Reference AD is an English language family member of Reference BQ, Reference AE is an English language family member of Reference BR and Reference AF is an English language family member of Reference BS.

The undersigned attorney notes that References BH and BT are not prior art against the present application, for the reason that each was published after the German filing date relied upon. Of these references, the undersigned attorney further notes that Reference BH is a PCT publication of a case of US origin (Ser. No. 09/439,692) and it could become prior art in the United States if it issues as a United States patent. It does not appear that there is any US equivalent of Reference BT. These references are reported because they appeared in the German search report.

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